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Location: Fayette, Howard County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built ca 1836. Family tradition states that workmen were brought from Philadelphia to build the house, but this is very unlikely. Local workman could have done everything necessary. Mr. Boon sold the house to Ben Watts, who was killed by his pet elk. The widow Watts married a Mr. Carson. Her son Hamp Watts was a bushwhacker during the Civil War in Anderson's regiment.

The stone steps are rather elaborate. The fence is of cast-iron with carved stone posts that were originally capped. Between the sidewalk and the street there was originally a row of low stone posts whose purpose has not been discovered, unless to keep the carriages and horses from going on the sidewalk.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the ~~MO-1800~~ records for MO-1800.